

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

MINUTES – JULY 8, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski.

Fifteen were in attendance.

The previous minutes were read and approved.

The treasurer reported \$5,992.44 in checking, \$5,724.69 in savings (not quite up-to-date), and a \$10,000 CD which matures in 2013 with a balance of at least \$21,717.13 after outflows for some approved items.

OLD BUSINESS

The summer reading program is seeing record attendance. Maureen will provide a full report in October.

The May Art Show had very good attendance. 40% of the students involved came and many parents and others. The students had name tags. A thank you was received from the person in charge of the elementary gifted and talented program.

The Astronomy program has been rescheduled for October in hopes of better conditions.

Ken congratulated Margaret Heurtematte on the bulletin board celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Salem Library. There will be an article done for the Salem Magazine. The banner we had made was displayed until it was destroyed by the derecho. An executive decision was made to use funds for a thank you presentation to city council. The bulletin board may be moved later to a display case.

Janis Augustine showed the group the books placed in the library in memory of Anne Benson and Grace Thomas.

NEW BUSINESS

Janis provided more information on the plans for a color printer including cost per page and charges per page for both color and black and white pages. An example of a one month profit from the Vinton Library was \$263.00. She thinks the Salem Library figure will be higher. The PC reservation system has changed to work with Windows 7. The library needs \$2675.00 for a bill acceptor for use with the system. The money would be separate from other funds and would be divided between LBM (the system provider) and the Friends.

Helen Robertson moved we appropriate the money and Alice Paine seconded the motion. After discussion the motion passed.

Janis described a program of the Roanoke County library system that we have been invited to contribute to. We could pay for one program. The three topics are Jane Austin, Mark Twain, and Edgar Allen Poe. There are some unknown variables in the costs.

Helen Robertson made a motion to pass on this opportunity which was seconded and passed.

As book sale chairman Sara Ahalt reminded us that a letter will go out for donations and volunteers. Set up will be on August 1 with actual prep work starting on August 2. Olde Salem Days is September 8. Charlie Draper is working on publicity in So Salem and the Senior News. There was a suggestion to put information on Face Book. It would be helpful to bring donations after August 1.

Margaret Heurtematte reported that Marcia Kelly has resigned as Historian and returned the scrapbooks to Janis. Alice Paine volunteered to take the job again with Bob's help.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary